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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

A REPORT BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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SUMMARY: Total unemployment in New Hampshire decreased by 4,650 between mid-April and mid-May. The latest total of 23,600 unemployed represents 4.5 percent of the civilian labor force of 526,290. In April the rate was 5.4 percent, and a year ago it was 5.1 percent. Nationally the rates were 7.0 percent in May, 7.1 percent in April and 7.2 percent a year ago. Unemployment decreases were recorded throughout the State with the largest change occurring in the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester area with an unemployment decrease of 720. The Laconia area experienced an unemployment drop of 690 from April, and the Berlin area decreased by 670. Such substantial unemployment decreases are attributed to employment increases in trade and services as seasonal establishments began gearing up prior to the Memorial Day holiday in anticipation of the forthcoming summer season. The rates of unemployment ranged from a low of 2.9 percent in the Concord area to a high of 7.6 percent in both the Berlin and Littleton areas. Compared to a year ago, seven areas experienced less unemployment while five areas experienced more.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 3,250 from April as manufacturing was down 1,400 and nonmanufacturing was up 4,650. Compared to a year ago, nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 30,400 workers as manufacturing is down 1,350, but nonmanufacturing is up 31,750. The largest industrial gain occurred in trade with an increase of 13,700 workers from a year ago. The largest decrease occurred in the leather products industry which lost 2,000 jobs over the year.

Manchester Economic Conditions: Total unemployment dropped substantially from April as the unemployment rate dropped from 3.8 percent to 3.2 percent. A year ago the rate was 3.3 percent. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 150 from April, and is up 2,500 from the year ago level. Manufacturing decreased by 50, but nonmanufacturing is up by 2,550. The largest industrial gain over the year occurred in services with an increase of 900 workers.

Nashua Economic Conditions: Total unemployment decreased by 290 from April as the unemployment rate decreased from 4.1 to 3.8 percent. A year ago the rate was 2.7 percent. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 200 from April and is up 4,550 from the year ago level. Manufacturing increased 750 while nonmanufacturing is up 3,800. The largest manufacturing industrial gain occurred in machinery and electrical products with an over the year gain of 1,400 jobs. In nonmanufacturing, services increased by 1,450 and trade by 1,300.

New Hampshire Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	State					Manchester MSA					Nashua PMSA				
	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
	May 1985	April 1985	May 1984	Month	Year	May 1985	April 1985	May 1984	Month	Year	May 1985	April 1985	May 1984	Month	Year
1. Civilian labor force*	526,290	525,860	514,790	430	11,500	85,590	85,710	84,750	-120	840	94,220	93,970	91,380	250	2,840
2. Unemployment	23,600	28,250	26,290	-4,650	-2,690	2,720	3,280	2,800	-560	-80	3,560	3,850	2,450	-290	1,110
Percent of labor force	4.5	5.4	5.1	xxx	xxx	3.2	3.8	3.3	xxx	xxx	3.8	4.1	2.7	xxx	xxx
3. Employment total	502,690	497,610	488,500	5,080	14,190	82,870	82,430	81,950	440	920	90,660	90,120	88,930	540	1,730
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagri. wage & salary**	468,100	464,850	437,700	3,250	30,400	78,300	78,150	75,800	150	2,500	83,600	83,400	79,050	200	4,550
Manufacturing	121,250	122,650	122,600	-1,400	-1,350	15,550	15,750	15,600	-200	-50	37,050	37,200	36,300	-150	750
Durable goods	83,150	83,850	81,400	-700	1,750	9,000	9,200	8,900	-200	100	31,500	31,600	29,900	-100	1,600
Lumber & wood prods.	5,300	5,250	5,200	50	100										
Furniture & fixtures	1,300	1,300	1,450	0	-150										
Stone & clay prods.	2,800	3,000	2,850	-200	-50										
Primary metal prods.	4,800	4,800	4,450	0	350										
Fabricated metal prods.	6,650	6,700	7,000	-50	-350										
Machinery (exc. elec.)	25,300	25,350	23,750	-50	1,550	Machinery And Electrical Products Combined									
Electrical prods.	26,400	26,750	26,400	-350	0	5,650	5,750	5,600	-100	50	24,350	24,450	22,950	-100	1,400
Miscellaneous prods.	2,150	2,200	2,050	-50	100										
Other durables	8,450	8,500	8,250	-50	200	3,350	3,450	3,300	-100	50	7,150	7,150	6,950	0	200
Nondurable goods	38,100	38,800	41,200	-700	-3,100	6,550	6,550	6,700	0	-150	5,550	5,600	6,400	-50	-850
Food & kindred prods.	3,050	3,100	2,850	-50	200										
Textile mill prods.	3,950	4,000	4,300	-50	-350	2,050	2,100	2,000	-50	50					
Apparel	2,500	2,600	2,750	-100	-250										
Paper & allied prods.	5,450	5,550	5,700	-100	-250										
Print., pub. & allied	6,850	6,900	6,900	-50	-50										
Leather & lea. prods.	5,700	5,750	7,700	-50	-2,000										
Other nondurables	10,600	10,900	11,000	-300	-400	4,500	4,450	4,700	50	-200					
Nonmanufacturing	346,850	342,200	315,100	4,650	31,750	62,750	62,400	60,200	350	2,550	46,550	46,200	42,750	350	3,800
Construction (inc. min.)	29,500	29,100	23,200	400	6,300	4,350	4,100	3,700	250	650	3,750	3,600	3,300	150	450
Trans., comm. & util.	15,250	15,200	15,150	50	100	4,700	4,650	4,800	50	-100	2,250	2,250	2,100	0	150
Trade	116,250	114,500	102,550	1,750	13,700	20,400	20,350	20,050	50	350	17,250	17,150	15,950	100	1,300
Fin., ins. & real estate	25,600	25,400	23,100	200	2,500	6,800	6,750	6,400	50	400	2,800	2,700	2,450	100	350
Service industry & other	95,400	93,400	88,400	2,000	7,000	18,800	18,850	17,900	-50	900	14,750	14,750	13,300	0	1,450
Government	64,850	64,600	62,700	250	2,150	7,700	7,700	7,350	0	350	5,750	5,750	5,650	0	100
Federal	12,150	12,100	11,800	50	350	2,200	2,200	2,150	0	50	700	700	700	0	0
State	17,300	17,200	16,200	100	1,100	850	850	800	0	50	200	200	200	0	0
Local	35,400	35,300	34,700	100	700	4,650	4,650	4,400	0	250	4,850	4,850	4,750	0	100

* By place of residence

** By place of establishment
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Labor Disputes:

Total Unemployment and Labor Force by Area and County

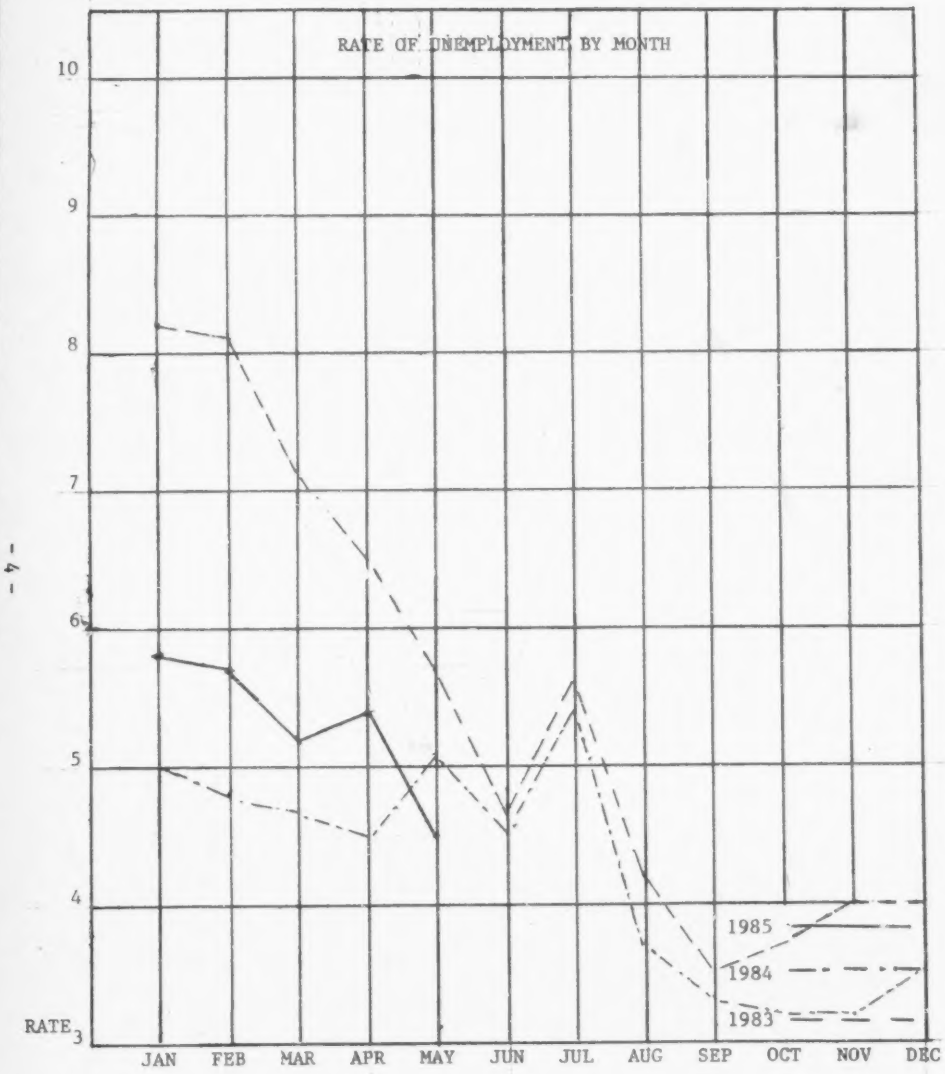
Area	Unemployment*						Numerical Change From Previous		Civilian Labor Force			Numerical Change From Previous	
	May 1985 Number	Rate	April 1985 Number	Rate	May 1984 Number	Rate	Month	Year	May 1985	April 1985	May 1984	Month	Year
United States**	8,011	7.0	8,150	7.1	8,154	7.2	-139	-143	114,890	114,325	113,251	565	1,639
New Hampshire	23,600	4.5	28,250	5.4	26,290	5.1	-4,650	-2,690	526,290	525,860	514,790	430	11,500
Area													
Berlin LMA	1,420	7.6	2,090	10.7	1,760	9.4	-670	-340	18,800	19,480	18,730	-680	70
Claremont LMA	1,490	4.0	1,520	4.0	1,300	3.6	-30	190	37,590	37,540	36,080	50	1,510
Concord LMA	1,310	2.9	1,840	4.1	1,600	3.7	-530	-290	44,640	44,970	43,610	-330	1,030
Keene LMA	1,310	3.4	1,740	4.5	1,280	3.4	-430	30	38,040	38,280	37,380	-240	660
Laconia LMA	1,770	3.9	2,460	5.5	1,440	3.3	-690	330	45,010	44,570	44,080	440	930
Littleton LMA	1,070	7.6	1,510	10.6	1,090	8.0	-440	-20	14,010	14,250	13,550	-240	460
Manchester MSA	2,720	3.2	3,280	3.8	3,150	3.8	-560	-430	85,590	85,710	83,960	-120	1,630
Nashua PMSA	3,560	3.8	3,850	4.1	2,810	3.1	-290	750	94,220	93,970	90,630	250	3,590
N.H. Portion of Lawrence Haverhill MA. PMSA ***	3,260	7.0	3,320	7.2	3,430	7.6	-60	-170	46,570	46,080	44,940	490	1,630
Portsmouth - Dover - Rochester N.H. - ME.	4,920	4.7	5,640	5.4	7,620	7.3	-720	-2,700	105,520	104,350	104,630	1,170	890
Unattached Area ****	830	5.4	1,150	7.5	1,280	8.4	-320	-450	15,250	15,250	15,250	0	0
Town of Pelham (Part of Lowell MA - NH PMSA)	310	6.0	310	6.0	120	2.6	0	190	5,200	5,200	4,670	0	530
County													
Belknap	1,030	4.5	1,400	6.1	800	3.6	-370	230	23,040	22,870	22,490	170	550
Carroll	590	4.4	860	6.3	720	5.4	-270	-130	13,480	13,560	13,360	-80	120
Cheshire	1,220	3.6	1,610	4.7	1,210	3.6	-390	10	34,110	34,340	33,540	-230	570
Coos	1,320	8.0	1,970	11.5	1,750	10.6	-650	-430	16,540	17,140	16,560	-600	-20
Grafton	1,500	4.4	2,110	6.1	1,400	4.2	-610	100	34,270	34,470	33,160	-200	1,110
Hillsborough	6,470	3.6	7,490	4.2	5,800	3.4	-1,020	670	178,220	178,210	172,500	10	5,720
Merrimack	1,670	3.0	2,310	4.2	1,800	3.4	-640	-130	55,010	55,250	53,660	-240	1,350
Rockingham	5,630	5.3	5,960	5.7	8,290	7.9	-330	-2,660	105,240	104,130	104,570	1,110	670
Strafford	3,130	6.7	3,640	7.8	3,660	7.9	-510	-530	46,780	46,470	46,200	310	580
Sullivan	1,040	5.3	900	4.6	860	4.6	140	180	19,600	19,420	18,750	180	850

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" Handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates.

** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

*** New Hampshire portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and twelve small towns.

**** Includes twenty towns previously in either Dover, Portsmouth, Manchester or Nashua LMAS.



AREA DEFINITIONS

Manchester MSA includes the city of Manchester and towns of Allenstown, Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Goffstown, Hooksett.

Nashua PMSA is located in the southern section of Hillsborough County and includes the City of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon and Wilton.

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Item	1985	1984	1983	1982
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers				
Current month - May	317.8			
Percent change from year ago	4.1			
Year average		307.6	297.4	288.6
Percent increase each year		3.4	3.0	6.0
All Urban Consumers				
Current month - May	321.3			
Percent change from year ago	3.7			
Year average		311.1	298.4	289.1
Percent increase each year		4.3	3.2	6.1

Table 2.—Total and Per Capita Personal Income for States and Regions, 1978–84

State and Region	Total: Millions of dollars							Percent change [2]	Per Capita: Dollars							Rank in U.S.	
	1978 r	1979 r	1980 r	1981 r	1982 r	1983 r	1984 p	1983-84	1978 r	1979 r	1980 r	1981 r	1982 r	1983 r	1984 p	1978	1984
United States [1]	1,726,185	1,942,650	2,156,710	2,420,091	2,575,847	2,734,464	3,000,827	9.7	7,772	8,651	9,494	10,544	11,113	11,687	12,707		
New England	**98,768**	**110,587**	**124,028**	**139,111**	**150,793**	**162,664**	**179,229**	**10.2**	**8,028**	**8,958**	**10,029**	**11,203**	**12,129**	**13,024**	**14,251**		
Connecticut	28,307	31,916	35,995	40,353	43,642	46,890	51,632	10.1	9,147	10,296	11,559	12,921	13,963	14,945	16,369	2	2
Maine	7,024	7,828	8,731	9,781	10,543	11,298	12,349	9.3	6,297	6,959	7,751	8,637	9,278	9,861	10,678	46	39
Massachusetts	46,477	51,796	57,981	64,924	70,632	76,463	84,497	10.5	8,093	9,014	10,096	11,278	12,285	13,260	14,574	14	4
New Hampshire	6,606	7,528	8,512	9,644	10,606	11,610	12,842	10.6	7,390	8,255	9,217	10,296	11,189	12,109	13,148	28	14
Rhode Island	7,079	7,844	8,727	9,751	10,422	11,173	12,245	9.6	7,395	8,200	9,200	10,242	10,937	11,694	12,730	27	17
Vermont	3,275	3,674	4,081	4,658	4,949	5,231	5,665	8.3	6,572	7,266	7,970	9,032	9,516	9,957	10,692	39	38
Mideast	**349,890**	**386,366**	**428,358**	**476,266**	**510,440**	**544,447**	**592,328**	**8.8**	**8,248**	**9,121**	**10,129**	**11,252**	**12,048**	**12,792**	**13,860**		
Delaware	4,891	5,399	5,929	6,598	7,097	7,643	8,298	8.6	8,176	9,015	9,949	11,061	11,828	12,615	13,545	13	10
District of Columbia	6,564	7,144	7,773	8,590	9,135	9,766	10,492	7.4	9,797	10,896	12,210	13,585	14,597	15,673	16,845		
Maryland	35,367	39,334	43,798	49,043	52,359	56,159	61,374	9.3	8,397	9,313	10,365	11,519	12,261	13,047	14,111	10	7
New Jersey	64,680	71,580	79,753	89,356	97,209	104,548	114,837	9.8	8,792	9,708	10,811	12,064	13,089	14,000	15,282	6	3
New York	147,406	161,828	180,010	200,058	214,697	229,922	250,433	8.9	8,318	9,177	10,242	11,395	12,222	13,014	14,121	12	6
Pennsylvania	90,982	101,081	111,095	122,621	129,944	136,409	146,894	7.7	7,668	8,513	9,352	10,323	10,939	11,468	12,343	22	24
Great Lakes	**339,455**	**376,684**	**405,168**	**442,531**	**456,855**	**478,670**	**527,568**	**10.2**	**8,178**	**9,053**	**9,715**	**10,612**	**10,987**	**11,527**	**12,682**		
Illinois	100,567	111,264	119,451	133,125	137,731	142,444	158,024	10.9	8,795	9,741	10,448	11,609	12,012	12,401	13,728	5	9
Indiana	41,294	45,733	49,235	54,111	55,136	57,916	64,872	12.0	7,582	8,353	8,970	9,859	10,057	10,570	11,799	24	30
Michigan	77,528	85,448	90,681	96,251	97,975	104,071	113,600	9.2	8,425	9,239	9,798	10,451	10,748	11,476	12,518	9	22
Ohio	84,341	93,642	101,538	110,448	114,873	120,539	132,404	9.8	7,813	8,672	9,401	10,228	10,664	11,218	12,314	20	25
Wisconsin	35,725	40,598	44,262	48,596	51,139	53,699	58,668	9.3	7,714	8,701	9,361	10,263	10,777	11,311	12,309	21	26
Plains	**130,196**	**146,639**	**158,091**	**179,672**	**188,636**	**197,240**	**219,475**	**11.3**	**7,646**	**8,577**	**9,190**	**10,391**	**10,877**	**11,321**	**12,531**		
Iowa	23,038	25,343	26,829	30,645	30,914	31,071	35,177	13.2	7,892	8,689	9,211	10,504	10,638	10,697	12,090	18	29
Kansas	18,529	21,467	23,198	26,421	28,274	29,351	32,472	10.6	7,943	9,145	9,799	11,067	11,743	12,102	13,319	16	11
Minnesota	31,745	35,897	39,445	44,040	46,605	49,321	55,014	11.5	7,927	8,890	9,662	10,710	11,277	11,901	13,219	17	12
Missouri	35,744	40,298	43,603	48,651	51,732	54,817	60,738	10.8	7,338	8,242	8,856	9,851	10,469	11,029	12,129	31	28
Nebraska	11,768	13,241	13,968	16,535	17,299	17,849	19,721	10.5	7,540	8,464	8,887	10,448	10,885	11,175	12,280	25	27
North Dakota	4,799	5,228	5,658	7,124	7,306	7,937	8,553	7.8	7,375	8,017	8,651	10,777	10,877	11,664	12,461	30	23
South Dakota	4,572	5,165	5,390	6,257	6,504	6,894	7,799	13.1	6,633	7,497	7,815	9,046	9,266	9,851	11,049	37	35
Southeast	**340,545**	**384,571**	**430,848**	**488,687**	**524,995**	**561,639**	**618,757**	**10.2**	**6,663**	**7,399**	**8,148**	**9,104**	**9,659**	**10,215**	**11,108**		
Alabama	28,870	26,526	29,034	32,314	34,223	36,536	39,826	9.0	6,226	6,855	7,454	8,229	8,683	9,229	9,981	47	46
Arkansas	13,474	15,065	16,318	18,415	19,451	20,802	22,843	9.8	6,012	6,639	7,099	8,006	8,432	8,936	9,724	49	48
Florida	67,420	78,196	91,290	105,768	114,370	123,812	137,774	11.3	7,383	8,257	9,245	10,386	10,927	11,593	12,553	29	21
Georgia	35,324	39,773	44,081	49,983	54,521	59,551	66,779	12.1	6,682	7,377	8,041	8,968	9,654	10,389	11,441	36	34
Kentucky	22,944	25,853	27,994	31,465	33,587	34,899	38,622	10.7	6,353	7,095	7,644	8,561	9,097	9,396	10,374	45	41
Louisiana	27,014	30,872	35,477	41,071	44,038	45,540	48,417	6.3	6,632	7,458	8,404	9,552	10,048	10,262	10,850	38	36
Mississippi	13,674	15,304	16,684	18,622	19,972	21,098	23,010	9.1	5,496	6,102	6,614	7,308	7,775	8,155	8,857	50	50
North Carolina	37,090	41,213	45,776	51,567	55,063	59,628	66,322	11.2	6,462	7,104	7,774	8,655	9,148	9,805	10,758	40	37
South Carolina	18,419	20,741	23,106	25,996	27,765	29,923	33,248	11.1	6,057	6,719	7,389	8,158	8,605	9,168	10,075	48	45
Tennessee	28,692	32,094	35,332	39,468	41,960	44,580	49,055	10.0	6,431	7,080	7,689	8,525	9,013	9,515	10,400	43	40
Virginia	40,401	45,167	50,644	57,580	62,457	67,271	73,637	9.5	7,646	8,483	9,446	10,591	11,386	12,122	13,067	23	15
West Virginia	12,225	13,767	15,111	16,437	17,588	17,999	19,223	6.8	6,366	7,100	7,747	8,385	8,970	9,160	9,846	44	47
Southwest	**147,246**	**171,948**	**197,153**	**230,615**	**251,951**	**265,070**	**290,976**	**9.8**	**7,296**	**8,276**	**9,215**	**10,492**	**11,044**	**11,335**	**12,245**		
Arizona	17,820	21,138	24,181	27,559	29,068	31,567	35,504	12.5	7,077	8,011	8,855	9,819	10,050	10,653	11,629	32	32
New Mexico	8,068	9,229	10,372	11,716	12,714	13,512	14,707	8.8	6,445	7,207	7,947	8,780	9,301	9,656	10,330	42	42
Oklahoma	20,311	23,843	27,426	32,091	35,752	36,238	38,735	6.9	6,972	8,028	9,029	10,344	11,084	10,988	11,745	34	31
Texas	101,047	117,739	135,175	159,248	174,418	183,753	202,031	9.9	7,486	8,478	9,439	10,807	11,378	11,686	12,636	26	19
Rocky Mountain	**46,457**	**53,220**	**60,230**	**68,797**	**74,017**	**78,343**	**84,760**	**8.2**	**7,425**	**8,265**	**9,146**	**10,177**	**10,676**	**11,069**	**11,829**		
Colorado	22,220	25,878	29,459	34,157	37,590	40,088	43,672	8.9	8,031	9,083	10,147	11,449	12,242	12,771	13,742	15	8
Idaho	6,212	6,878	7,673	8,623	8,801	9,429	10,181	8.0	6,819	7,375	8,100	8,944	9,008	9,534	10,174	35	44
Montana	5,491	5,954	6,570	7,364	7,741	8,121	8,419	3.7	7,004	7,545	8,334	9,253	9,618	9,945	10,216	33	43
Utah	8,809	10,063	11,304	12,703	13,693	14,575	16,052	10.1	6,457	7,106	7,679	8,338	8,714	9,005	9,719	41	49
Wyoming	3,725	4,448	5,224	5,950	6,192	6,130	6,437	5.0	8,644	9,843	11,009	12,066	12,157	11,920	12,586	7	20
Far West	**261,373**	**299,275**	**337,787**	**377,305**	**399,117**	**425,753**	**465,905**	**9.4**	**8,726**	**9,777**	**10,770**	**11,802**	**12,274**	**12,891**	**13,884**		
California	202,282	231,416	261,946	293,196	311,609	333,706	367,538	10.1	8,857	9,951	11,020	12,106	12,617	13,256	14,344	4	5
Nevada	6,453	7,597	8,751	9,923	10,425	11,087	12,038	8.6	8,970	9,929	10,845	11,752	11,902	12,441	13,216	3	13
Oregon	19,725	22,384	24,580	26,586	27,131	28,659	30,973	8.1	7,860	8,682	9,319	9,959	10,168	10,768	11,582	19	33
Washington	32,913	37,878	42,510	47,600	49,952	52,301	55,356	5.8	8,469	9,439	10,248	11,239	11,682	12,162	12,728	8	18
Alaska	4,485	4,674	5,238	6,230	7,491	8,243	8,574	4.0	11,150	11,585	13,007	14,979	16,854	17,225	17,155	1	1
Hawaii	7,771	8,685	9,810	10,878	11,552	12,396	13,255	6.9	8,367	9,141	10,129	11,090	11,590	12,115	12,761	11	16
	Census Regions																
New England	98,768	110,587	124,028	139,111	150,793	162,664	179,229	10.2	8,028	8,958	10,029	11,203	12,129	13,024	14,251		
Middle Atlantic	303,068	334,489	370,858	412,635	441,849	470,879	512,164	8.8	8,204	9,070	10,069	11,184	11,983	12,716	13,786		
East North Central	339,455	376,684	405,168	442,531	456,855	478,670	527,568	10.2	8,178	9,053	9,715	10,612	10,987	11,527	12,682		
West North Central	130,196	146,639	158,091	179,672	188,636	197,240	219,475	11.3	7,646	8,577	9,190	10,391	10,877	11,321	12,531		
South Atlantic	257,700	290,734	327,508	371,562	400,355	431,752	477,147	10.5	7,182	7,967	8,818	9,834	10,452	11,126	12,095		
East South Central	89,180	99,776	109,044	121,869	129,742	137,114	150,514	9.8	6,195	6,855	7,431	8,246	8,732	9,174	10,016		
West South Central	161,846	187,519	214,397	250,826	273,659	286,332	312,025	9.0	7,122	8,060	8,979	10,264	10,840	11,104	11,956		
Mountain	78,797	91,183	103,533	117,996	126,223	134,509	147,009	9.3	7,333	8,198	9,059	10,046	10,459	10,908	11,711		
Pacific	267,176	305,037	344,084	384,489	407,736	435,305	475,696	9.3	8,741	9,777	10,777	11,823	12,325	12,941	13,916		

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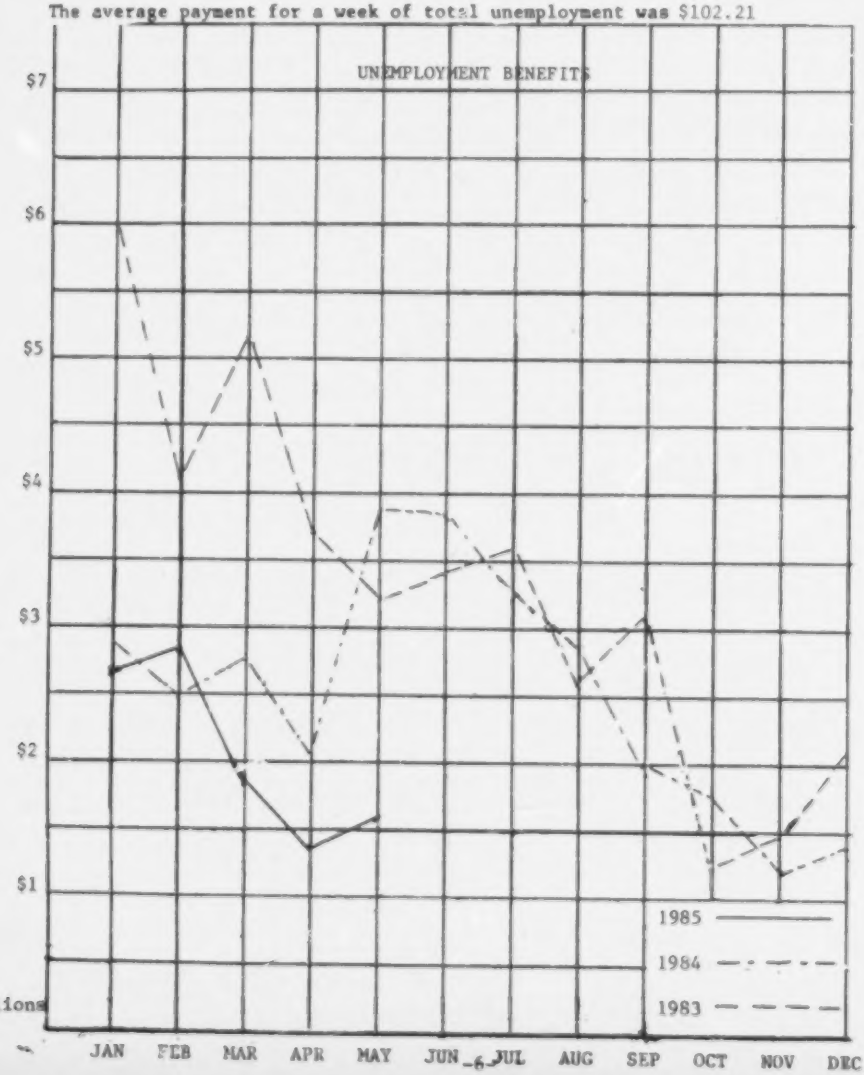
1. The personal income shown for the United States differs from that in the national income and product accounts primarily because it omits income received by Federal Government employees overseas.
2. Percent change was calculated from unrounded data.

Source: United States Department Of Commerce/Bureau Of Economic Analysis

Weekly Claims Filed During May 1985
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. State Workers (Only)		UC Local Government		Servicemen UCX (Only)		U.C. Federal Employees No UI	
	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All Offices	3,703	15,807	13	53	3	7	17	105	10	60
Berlin	202	1,161	0	3	1	0	1	10	0	0
Claremont	401	814	0	2	0	0	0	7	0	0
Concord	317	1,061	2	7	0	0	1	7	1	4
Conway	43	284	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	6
Dover	691	3,194	3	4	0	2	3	23	4	10
Keene	182	826	1	6	2	2	0	6	0	0
Laconia	197	1,171	3	6	0	1	0	3	0	2
Lebanon	48	239	0	0	0	1	0	10	0	2
Littleton	210	1,144	0	17	0	0	0	4	0	0
Manchester	428	1,676	1	0	0	0	5	8	2	11
Nashua	323	1,412	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	2
Portsmouth	389	1,327	0	2	0	0	4	14	1	4
Salem	117	531	0	0	0	1	2	6	0	4
Liable Interstate	155	967	2	2	0	0	1	6	2	15

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $102.21



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance End of Month

$106,356,626.82

Net contributions received during month:

$ 6,264,711.68

Net benefits paid during month:

$ 1,589,400.25

Interest Received:

$ 2,437,285.92

AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

New Hampshire

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 1985	April 1985	May 1984	May 1985	April 1985	May 1984	May 1985	April 1985	May 1984
All manufacturing	$335.32	$334.13	$318.16	40.4	40.5	41.0	$8.30	$8.25	$7.76
Durable goods	348.80	348.91	332.38	40.7	41.0	41.6	8.57	8.51	7.99
Lumber & wood prods.	254.92	247.89	249.60	39.4	39.1	40.0	6.47	6.34	6.24
Furniture & fixtures	264.59	259.06	262.58	36.8	37.6	38.0	7.19	6.89	6.91
Stone & clay prods.	343.78	344.11	319.14	42.6	42.8	41.5	8.07	8.04	7.69
Primary metal prods.	369.41	380.03	348.80	41.6	42.7	43.6	8.88	8.90	8.00
Fab. metal prods.	312.82	310.84	309.14	39.9	39.8	41.0	7.84	7.81	7.54
Mach. (exc. elec.)	384.54	381.06	379.31	43.5	43.5	43.8	8.84	8.76	8.66
Electrical prods.	361.53	361.82	327.63	39.0	39.5	40.2	9.27	9.16	8.15
Miscellaneous prods.	261.30	262.68	261.19	40.2	39.8	43.1	6.50	6.60	6.06
Other durables	354.38	360.55	349.86	40.5	41.3	41.6	8.75	8.73	8.41
Nondurable goods	309.25	306.48	$293.93	39.8	39.7	40.1	7.77	7.72	$7.33
Food & kindred prods.	393.30	357.37	389.66	41.4	39.1	42.4	9.50	9.14	9.19
Textile mill prods.	269.01	267.24	263.56	39.1	39.3	40.3	6.88	6.80	6.54
Apparel	208.73	215.80	206.82	36.3	37.4	36.8	5.75	5.77	5.62
Paper & allied prods.	437.07	444.10	426.79	46.3	46.6	46.9	9.44	9.53	9.10
Print., pub. & allied	317.19	308.03	296.29	39.5	38.6	39.4	8.03	7.98	7.52
Leather & lea. prods.	196.16	191.60	191.87	35.6	34.9	35.4	5.51	5.49	5.42
Footwear	182.00	175.10	178.87	34.6	34.0	34.8	5.26	5.15	5.14
Other nondurables	330.02	331.70	317.79	40.1	40.6	40.9	8.23	8.17	7.77

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 61%

Total Production Workers: 84,450

Firms Reporting: 373

Manchester MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 1985	April 1985	May 1984	May 1985	April 1985	May 1984	May 1985	April 1985	May 1984
All manufacturing	$315.59	317.60	$296.56	39.4	39.8	39.7	$8.01	$7.98	$7.47
Durable goods	345.46	349.40	312.44	39.8	40.3	39.6	8.68	8.67	7.89
Mach. & elec. prods.	347.93	353.43	315.22	39.9	40.3	39.7	8.72	8.77	7.94
Other durables	341.35	342.50	307.71	39.6	40.2	39.4	8.62	8.52	7.81
Nondurable goods	276.58	276.36	278.10	38.9	39.2	39.9	7.11	7.05	6.97
Textiles & apparel	249.76	262.42	260.17	37.9	39.7	39.3	6.59	6.61	6.62
Other nondurables	288.80	282.03	285.51	39.4	38.9	40.1	7.33	7.25	7.12

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 64%

Total Production Workers: 11,300

Firms Reporting: 46

Nashua PMSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 1985	April 1985	May 1984	May 1985	April 1985	May 1984	May 1985	April 1985	May 1984
All manufacturing	$402.98	$400.72	$380.28	40.5	40.6	41.2	$9.95	$9.87	$9.23
Durable goods	407.95	404.91	388.41	41.0	40.9	41.9	9.95	9.90	9.27
Mach. & elec. prods.	434.42	430.66	412.17	40.6	40.4	41.3	10.70	10.66	9.98
Other durables	333.98	334.65	327.12	41.8	42.2	43.5	7.99	7.93	7.52
Nondurable goods	382.31	378.30	349.20	38.5	39.0	38.5	9.93	9.70	9.07

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 69%

Total Production Workers: 20,850

Firms Reporting: 72

Number of Active Applicants and Female Applicants by Major Occupational Category

Period Ending May 1985

	NEW HAMPSHIRE		MANCHESTER		NASHUA	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
TOTAL	12,038	5,933	1,874	917	1,125	515
Prof., Tech. (00-16)	788	85	97	11	125	10
Managerial (18,19)	835	527	126	66	150	62
Clerical (20-24)	2,151	1,799	295	245	170	123
Sales (25-29)	553	277	100	41	43	18
Services (3)	1,978	1,229	319	202	97	50
Farm (4)	175	34	12	1	14	2
Processing (5)	234	86	42	16	37	17
Machine Trade (6)	1,150	443	186	79	73	15
Benchwork (7)	1,409	1,058	263	189	202	150
Structural (8)	1,382	64	203	9	87	9
Miscellaneous (9)	1,318	294	218	51	122	54
Unclassified	65	36	13	7	5	5

Employment Service Activity

ITEM	May 1985	April 1985	July 1, 1984 to May 31, 1985
Total applicants for employment	2,859	3,123	34,683
Total nonagricultural job openings received	2,986	2,557	27,276
Job openings unfilled end of month	2,632	2,236	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural & agricultural	1,200	1,063	12,773

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